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Take 'em off and put it on.

The newspapers are now speculating on when Mr. Cannon and Mr. Aldrich will adjourn.

If Mrs. Guinness is still alive doubtless she would like to have her case reviewed by her friends.

Western wool growers are wondering why the tariff on wool is not operating with more zeal for their benefit.

This is the season of year when a lot of men overlook the lawnmower in their anxiety to get some needed exercise on the golf links.

Speaker Cannon is earning his increased wage, but as to deserving it—that, as Mr. Kipling would say, is another story.

Four members of the Swathmore football squad have been discharged for eating pie. As between football and genuine American pie, give us pie.

"There never was a better time," says the Pendleton, Ore., Tribune, "to show our attachment to the republican party." Nor never a better time to show your disapprobation.

Speaking of optimism, the prize optimist seems to be Representative Hobson who believes that sooner or later some nation will agree to take the Philippines off of Uncle Sam's hands.

It appears that William Waldorf Astor bought and presented to Great Britain the flag of a country that made him rich and under which he refuses to live and for which he never fought.

Under a protective tariff that enables Mr. Carnegie to enjoy an income of approximately \$75,000 a day, 175,000 cotton mill operatives in Massachusetts had their wages reduced approximately \$27,500 a day.

The New York World's editor is writing on "What is truly democratic?" We suppose he is not the one who played the stock market while writing and printing editorials calculated to affect the price of securities.

We may now reasonably expect a lot of administration organs to point to those destructive Oklahoma storms as retributive justice for not listening to the frantic appeals of the republican carpetbaggers before adopting that constitution.

Speaker Cannon is not in favor of forest preservation. But some of these days an aroused people will convince "Uncle Joe" that he hasn't the "deadwood" on a congressional dictatorship.

The New York baby that is rocked in that thousand dollar cradle will be subject to the same plebian colic that other babies must endure.

The Illinois republican convention endorsed Cannon and advocated tariff revision. That convention was made up of humorists, not statesmen.

President Roosevelt told a Denver woman that he "swears by Colorado." Doubtless, but he does not swear "by" Harriman, Long, Shonts, et al.

President Roosevelt may now offer as a sample of the administration's deadly enmity towards the trusts the refusal of congress to give the steel trust a whack at the \$40,000,000 contract for four new battleships.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says the employes on the Panama canal who stay through to the finish will be apt to form an historic organization. Well they might. It would be the only club of centenarians in the world.

The denial from Mr. Fairbanks' campaign managers that he is about to retire is superfluous. "To retire" means to retreat, to go back. And it is generally conceded that Mr. Fairbanks' candidacy could not be much further back.

The Sloux City Journal reprints a Chicago Tribune paragraph commenting on the number of times Mr. Bryan's name appeared in a single issue of The Commoner. In the same issue of the Journal Mr. Bryan's name appears fifteen times in one editorial.

The United States senators who sought to be "funny" when the "Mothers' Day" resolution was up for discussion will see the serious side of it when men who love to pay reverence to their mothers get a chance to say a few appropriate words to the aforesaid senators.

The republican organs that denounced the democratic administration for having a deficit are now praising the republican administration for having a deficit, saying it means "getting the money back into the channels of commerce." That's shooting around the hill to hit the deer.

THE MIST AND THE SEA

The mist crept in from the sea Out of the void and the vast; And it bore the silver rain A shimmering guest in its train, And many a murmuring strain Of the ships that sailed in the past, Soft as sleep's footfalls be The mist crept in from the sea.

The mist crept in from the sea. And folded the length of the shore In the clasp of its mothering arms As though it would shield from harms; And lulled were the loud alarms. And lost was the rage and roar Of the surge, so soothingly The mist crept in from the sea.

The mist crept in from the sea. White, impalpable, strange; Full of the wafture of wings, Of eerie and eldritch things, Of visions and vanishings Ever in shift and change; Silently, hauntingly, The mist crept in from the sea.

The mist crept in from the sea. And bode for a space, and then It heard the imperious call Of the deep transcending all And it knew itself as the thrall Of the world old master of men, So, still as the dreams that flee The mist crept back to the sea.

—New York Sun.

PARAGRAPHIC PUNCHES

Secretary Taft is planning a trip to Panama, not having been anywhere 'special last week.—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Looking zealously after the "interests" of the people is making "Uncle Joe" almost stoop shouldered.—Chicago Tribune.

The national deficit reached at the end of April \$51,500,000, and it still has two months to accumulate in.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

The term "the idle rich" is a misnomer. Most of them are busy either in the divorce courts or before the grand juries—Omaha Bee.

Uncle Joe Cannon's hide is rather thick, but it is certain to be punctured a good many times before being hung on the fence this fall.—Salt Lake Herald.

John D Rockefeller says he "loves each and every one of his fellowmen." But, why shouldn't he? Haven't we been good to him?—Detroit News.

There are two kinds of foolish speculators—those who speculate with other people's money and those who speculate with their own.—Chicago Record-Herald.

It is doubtful if any damaging information can be gleaned from an examination of such "books" as the paper trust is anxious to have examined.—Kansas City Star.

There is one thing to be said in favor of the roller skating nuisance: It doesn't stir up a lot of dust and leave the odor of gasoline behind it.—Sioux City Journal.

The czar released 20,000 political prisoners at Easter. The czar is on to the fact that if you are sufficiently despotic in the fall you can be so beautifully clement in the spring.—Chicago Post.

A start has been made toward securing proper official residences for American ambassadors, and the hope may be permitted that none but proper Americans shall ever reside therein.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

It has probably come to the point in some localities where a "cullud gemmen" attending a republican state convention doesn't feel especially prominent unless he is kicked out of the hall once or twice.—Washington Herald.

Nevertheless, there is not the slightest probability that the Standard Oil company will go into the hands of a receiver. Mr. Rockefeller will continue to do whatever may be necessary in the receiving line.—Chicago Tribune.

It will be noted that Mr. Bryan at the Cooper Union meeting neither blinked, dodged nor evaded the question put to him regarding negro disfranchisement in the south, but met it fairly and squarely like the man he is.—Nashville Tennessean.

When Representative John Sharp Williams, the minority leader, offers 162 democratic votes, as signed to a petition to the speaker, and calls attention to the fact that about thirty republicans have introduced bills to put wood pulp and print paper on the free list according to President Roosevelt's recommendation, he submits the supreme test of good faith to the majority—and they decline it.—New York World.

ONLY A STARTER Richard Bennett, Great Falls, Mont. —I enclose draft for \$14.40 covering twenty-four subscriptions. This makes a total of 115 names that Allen Pierce and I have secured in Great Falls, the past few weeks, to join the million army. This is only a start in the good work. We hope to see the same work done throughout the state in the interest of genuine democracy as expounded by our great leader.